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- 49. A hair care composition comprising:
- a. a fixative;
 - b. ethanol; and
 - c. methyl acetate and/or t-butyl acetate;
- wherein the volatile organic compound content of the composition is not higher than 80%.
50. A hair care composition comprising:
- a. a fixative;
 - b. ethanol; and
 - c. methyl acetate and/or t-butyl acetate;
- wherein the amount of component (b) is sufficient to substantially inhibit the hydrolysis of component (c) when water is present. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 were pending and now claims 1-50 are pending in the application after entry of this amendment.

Claims 49 and 50 have been added in a bonafide attempt to facilitate prosecution and to provide additional protection for certain aspects of the present invention. Support for claim 49 can be found in original claim 1 and the specification at page 2, lines 7-8. Support for claim 50 can be found in original claim 1 and in the specification at page 3, lines 20-23.

I. Novelty Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Office Action has reiterated the previous rejection of claims 1, 33, 34 and 43 and certain claims depending therefrom as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Nos. 4,173,627 (hereinafter "Madrange") and 4,243,548 (hereinafter "Heeb") despite Applicants' previously filed Remarks to the contrary. While Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are in error, it is believed that the following remarks place the case in condition for allowance.